ing of railway reservations have already been made a cognizable offences and deterrent punishments have been provided under the provisions of Indian Railways (Amendment) Act, 1982.

Signing of Cultural Pact with China

1011. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a cultural pact has been signed with China in May this year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner this pact would improve Sino-Indian relations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Agreement envisages promoting understanding and developing the relations between the two countries in the realms of culture and art, education, social sciences, sports, public health, press and publishing, broadcasting film and TV through the exchange of exhibitions, performing troupes, archaeologists, specialists, teachers, intellectuals; award of scholarships; exchange of books radio and TV programmes and sharing of experience in the field of medicine and public health, social sciences and the like.

झांसी में केन्द्रीय विद्यालय के लिए भूमि का आवंटन

1012. **डा. गोविन्द दास रिछारिया :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे ने झांसी में रेलवे आवासीय कालोनी में केन्द्रीय विद्यालय हेतु कोई भूमि आंवटित की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस भूमि पर भवन का निर्माण कार्य कब तक शुरू हो जाने की सम्भावना है और उस पर कुल कितनी राशि खर्च किये जाने का विचार है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल० पी० साही) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय नं. 3 झांसी के लिए रेलवे प्राधिकारियों ने 15.00 एकड़ भूमि निर्धारित की है ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन को भूमि स्थानान्तरित हो जाने के पश्चात् स्कूल भवन के निर्माण पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Expenditure incurred on the Festivals held Abroad

1013. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 15th June, 1988 to the effect that there have been large scale irregularities in the expenditure incurred on the Festivals of India held in France and U.S.. recently;

(b) if so, what budget provision was made for these Festivals of India and the actual expenditure incurred;

(c) what are the reasons for the high expenditure; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been made in this regard, if so, the outcomes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.